



Calling in the Cavalry!

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— Kandahar Airfield, Afghanistan

Kandahar Air Field received a new breed of soldiers, when the first ever Cavalry Scout unit in the history of Operation Enduring Freedom stepped off of their plane and on to Afghanistan soil.

When the soldiers of 3rd Platoon, Alpha Troop, 3/17 Cavalry Regiment, based out of Ft. Drum N.Y., arrived in Kandahar their imagination quickly became a reality. No more time to wonder “what if?” The time was now. Despite a couple of bumps in the road on the way, the troops’ journey here was rather painless.

“The <overall> pace getting here was pretty good,”

said Sgt. 1st Class Leonard S. Kacuba, the platoon Sgt. Of 3rd Platoon, “everything went a lot better than I thought, even the camp here is better than I imagined, they are doing a really good job here.”

The unit arrived in Kandahar about a week ago and is waiting for their equipment and vehicles. In the mean time, they have been doing dismounted exercises, such as house clearing, patrols, and reacting to enemy contact while on foot.

“We have to be prepared for anything at anytime, whether it be on our vehicles or off. That’s why we do these exercises”, said 2nd Lt. John A. Torrealba from Goshen, N.Y.

Torrealba, who has recently completed Reserve Officer Training Course at the University of New York at Al-



Spc. Thomas E. Dudley enters a room rifle first during house clearing exercises at Kandahar

bany, was assigned to 3rd Platoon two and a half months ago. But, he is sure of the performance of his unit.

“I have full confidence in my team”, said Torrealba “They were a fully functional, well-oiled machine when I got here. I feel rather fortunate to be assigned to them. This is more than I ever could have hoped for or wanted in my first

platoon.”

The majority of the unit has been together for a year and a half and most of them are within their first two years of active duty. However, the vast experience possessed by the cadre of senior Non-Commissioned Officers more than compensates for the inexperience among the junior —see **CAVALRY**, pg.3



Two local Afghans discuss gardening techniques during a landscaping project at the terminal building.

OEF; The Local View

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When the Taliban came to power, many of the Afghani people fled to other nations, leaving their homes behind. The presence and accomplishments of the Coalition Joint Task Force has brought the Afghani people back to their

homes to build a new nation, a nation free of Al Queda and the Taliban.

Many people in Afghanistan are pleased to have the Americans here to protect them from the Taliban.

“We were told that America was coming to free our nation and they have done so,” said Sami, an Afghani soldier that works on the Kandahar base. The Afghanis, or Hajjis, consider the American soldiers on hajji watch as allies, but when they hear the soldiers’ negative comments and racial slurs

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CID: Detectives with a purpose

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Kandahar, Afghanistan-Special Agents of the Criminal Investigations Division (CID) make their sweep around the "flea market" like setting of Afghani merchants and their wares. The agents slowly scan the setting. Their keen eyes, shaded by darkly tinted glasses, soak in every detail-searching for any sign of impropriety.

The weekly Saturday Bazaar on Kandahar Air Base is in full swing. Soldiers haggle with Afghani merchants over prices of the latest DVDs, rugs, and nick-nacks on display at a site just outside the main entrance.

The event has taken on ritualistic popularity, as service members take time out from the rigors of war to lavish on the goods offered for sale.

Most of the merchants are genuine, hard working people who welcome the opportunity to trade and mingle with American and Coalition soldiers. Terrorists and would be thieves however, also

relish a setting like this to carry out their evil deeds. But CID is on the job.

CID is the Army's premier law enforcement agency, responsible for investigating felony criminal activity within the Army. They are essentially the Army's detectives. Special Agent Tim Northcutt is one of three internal agents here on Kandahar Air Base. He, along with agents Joe St. Amant and Keith Mickle, are responsible for logistics security, protective service missions, investigating illicit drug use, and conducting crime scene investigations within "the wire." (inside a secure military compound)



CID agent Keith Mickle looks over items at the Kandahar bazaar.

"We coordinate with the local law enforcement in order to ensure the Afghani merchants and local contractors that are

allowed on base, are of good character," Northcutt said.

Before service members are allowed to peruse the Bazaar, CID agents, along with the assistance of Military Police, "scrub" the sale items for explosives, contraband, and inappropriate or unauthorized items. "We are looking for any-

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Word from the Warriors

What could MWR do to make life in Kandahar better?



"I would like to see faster and more reliable internet connections."
-Pfc. Zachariah C. Greenfield
-Montrose, CO



"More pool tables because it gets crowded and too hard to play 8-ball tournaments"
-Sgt. Wezzley D. Brown
-Roanoke, VA



"More machines in the gym so you don't always need a partner."
-Spc. Maria B. Eugenio
-Wai Pahu, Hawaii



"They need a lot more gym equipment like treadmills and nautilus equipment"
-Pfc. Rachel M. Rivera
-Dallas, Texas

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enlisted.

"It simply blows me away when I think about the fact that Sgt. Kacuba was out on missions in Panama when I was just in the third grade." Said Spc. Ryan J. Miller from Binghamton, N.Y., "I wouldn't prefer it to be any other way though, and he is definitely the type of guy you want to be with in combat."

Despite the fact that most of the enlisted personnel are in their late teens to early twenties, the unit promotes an atmosphere of seriousness and maturity when on the job, and nothing is as important as the team and getting the job done.

"What we do is very important," said Spc. Isaac M. Leal, from Los Angeles, Calif., "We are the eyes and ears of the Army on the battlefield and that's not exactly a job that you want to play around with. Other soldiers are depending on us to ensure that the Army is never caught on their heels."

The platoon has been issued orders that indicate a deployment time pe-

riod of 6 months to a year. The soldiers responded to their orders with jokes and comments, implying that they won't base their attitudes towards their mission on what their orders state.

"It says six to twelve months. Well then I'm hoping for six and expecting twelve...you never know", said Torrealba.

Overall the unit is excited about their deployment to Kandahar. There are many aspects about being deployed that motivates the troops.

"We have been used to do many different things in other areas around the world like peace keeping missions in Kosovo. But, this is the first time since I've been in the unit that we have actually been deployed to do just what we do best and I think that's cool," said Leal.

"I think it's about time," said Torrealba, "I sure didn't join the Army to just sit around at my desk all day filling out paperwork."

The unit has much to live up to due to the fact that they are the first of their kind to step foot on Afghani soil. The

usual routine is to meet up with the soldiers that have been here for a while and perform a Replacement In Progress or RIP. However, there are no cavalry scout platoons here to show them the ropes and allow them to get accustomed to the atmosphere, so they are on their own and making their own tracks.

"I guess we're kind of like guineas pigs right now, but it doesn't bother me at all", said Miller.

"This gives us the opportunity to prepare for the worst and learn as we go, so that we can set the standard for other units like us that will come in the future," said Leal.

With everything that the unit has gone through en route to Kandahar, they have much to do and many missions to complete. The unit is ready to get down to business and take on whatever comes their way in hopes of returning home from a successful deployment.

"The plan is simple. Do what we have to do, to the best of our abilities, and take all of our soldiers home", said Torrealba.



A squad of soldiers from 3rd platoon break through a mock door and enter a room in a house clearing exercise at Kandahar Air Field.

Kandahar Weekly Forecast

Aug 25
Mostly Sunny
94°/66°

Aug 26
Mostly Sunny
96°/65°

Aug 27
Mostly Sunny
96°/65°

Aug 28
Mostly Sunny
93°/63°

Aug 29
Mostly Sunny
94°/63°

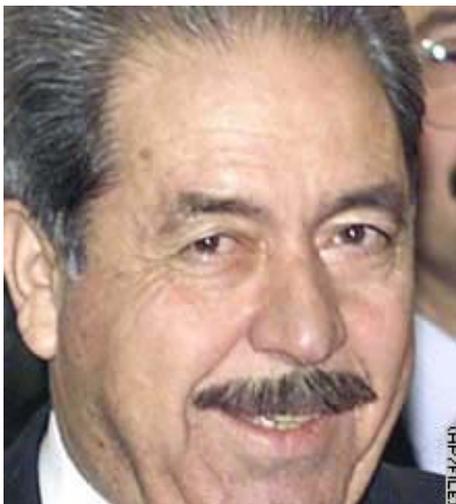
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"Weekly Quote"

When in England at a fairly large conference, Colin Powell was asked by the Archbishop of Canterbury if our plans for Iraq were just an example of empire building by George Bush.

He answered by saying that, "Over the years, the United States has sent many of its fine young men and women into great peril to fight for freedom beyond our borders. The only amount of land we have ever asked for in return is enough to bury those that did not return."...It became very quiet in the room.

WORLD NEWS



BAGHDAD, Iraq (CNN) —

Ali Hassan al-Majid, known as "Chemical Ali," a cousin of Saddam Hussein and the man who is believed to have ordered the 1988 chemical weapons attack on Kurds, is in U.S. custody, the U.S. military said Thursday.

He is the king of spades and No. 5 in the deck of cards issued by the military of the 55 most-wanted Iraqis. More than 5,000 Kurds are believed to have died in the chemical attacks.

Al-Majid was taken into custody several days ago, the military said. The circumstances of his capture were not immediately available.

He served as a general, presidential adviser, a member of Saddam's inner circle, commander of the Baath Party Regional Command, member of the Revolutionary Command Council, and head of the Central Workers Bureau.

He had been coordinating the resistance in southern Iraq during the war, according to the coalition, and had been the de facto governor of Kuwait after Iraq invaded that country in 1990.

In April, coalition officials believed he was killed in a coalition air strike on his house, but they later had to retract that claim. He later was thought to have been in hiding in northern Iraq, possibly

in Tikrit, the home of his clan.

The news comes a few days after another key official, Taha Yasin Ramadan, Iraq's former vice president, was reported to have been captured.

Officials with the Patriotic Union of Kurdistan said their forces had captured Ramadan in the northern city of Mosul and handed him over to the U.S. military.



Pentagon: Possible al Qaeda link in Baghdad blast

BAGHDAD, Iraq (CNN) — Pentagon officials said Wednesday that a terror group linked to al Qaeda is emerging as a top suspect in the deadly blast at U.N. headquarters in Baghdad.

An official told CNN that intelligence reports in the past two weeks indicated Ansar al-Islam might be planning a major attack in Iraq, and a top U.S. official in the country also said he suspects the group could have launched Tuesday's strike that killed at least 17 people.

"It's part of a global war against terrorism that was officially declared on us on September 11," U.S. civilian administrator L. Paul Bremer said. "It's quite clear we do have terrorists inside Iraq now."

Sergio Vieira de Mello, the top U.N. envoy in Iraq, was among those killed Tuesday, and others are believed to be dead under the rubble.

No one has claimed responsibility for the attack. But Bremer said that foreign terrorists or Ansar al-Islam could have been involved in the U.N. attack and the deadly Jordanian Embassy blast on August 7.

"After the war, it appears that a number of terrorists from the Ansar al-Islam group have reinfilted into Iraq," Bremer said. "We are concerned about that. We also have other foreign terrorists who've been arriving from other borders."

He said people are entering the country with travel documents from countries such as Sudan, Syria and Yemen. "This we know because we have killed or captured a number of them," he said.

Pentagon officials said the bomb attack at the U.N. complex appears more sophisticated than would be expected from Saddam Hussein loyalists. However, they cautioned that members of the Mukhabarat, the former Iraqi intelligence service, would have the expertise to use explosives.

U.N. Secretary-General Kofi Annan on Wednesday vowed the world body will press ahead with its efforts in Iraq.

"We will carry on our work," he said. "We shall not be deterred. We are going to keep at it until we succeed."

Of those who carried out the attack, he said, "This is not going to serve their cause."



SPORTS



Barry Bonds watches his ninth career walk-off homer leave the yard. (Ben Margot/AP)

Braves fall short in 10th vs. Giants

By Mark Bowman / MLB.com

SAN FRANCISCO — After falling victim to late-inning heroics over the previous two evenings, the Braves made sure they weren't going to leave San Francisco without letting the Giants realize there is a reason they have won more games than any other team in the Majors.

But Barry Bonds made sure he wasn't going to let the Braves realize why he is considered one of the game's greatest players by drilling his second walk-off homer of the series to give the Giants a 4-3 win at Pacific Bell Park on Thursday night. This marks the first time Atlanta has been swept since the first series of the season.

Bonds, who leads the Majors with 39 homers, drilled the first pitch he saw from Trey Hodges over the right-center field wall to enable the Giants to become the first team to sweep the Braves since the Expos won their first three games of the season in Atlanta.

Before Bonds ended this series between the National League's top two teams in heroic fashion, the Braves had provided a ninth-inning rally that soured a dominant evening for Jason Schmidt, who faced a Braves lineup that didn't include Javy Lopez, Marcus Giles or Chipper Jones, who twisted his knee during batting practice.

After Schmidt held them scoreless for eight innings, the Braves loaded the bases against Giants closer Todd Worrell and Andruw Jones delivered the ninth inning's biggest hit with a double to left that scored Rafael Furcal and Mark DeRosa. Vinny Castilla's sacrifice fly to center scored Gary Sheffield and erased San Francisco's three-run advantage.

Worrell, who had blown just five previous save opportunities, breathed a sigh of relief when the top of the ninth ended with Darren Bragg lining into a double play with the bases loaded. After snaring Bragg's shot, Giants first baseman Andres Galarraga jogged to first to double up Robert Fick.

Schmidt limited the Braves to three hits over eight scoreless innings and helped snap Sheffield's career-best hitting streak at 24 games. The Braves' right fielder had a chance to give the Braves a go-ahead run in the 10th. But Bonds raced to grab his good friend's sinking liner into left field, leaving Rafael Furcal stranded at second base.

Schmidt, whose 2.37 ERA ranks second in the National League, had been bothered by elbow tendinitis recently and lasted a season-short 4 1/3 innings against the Expos on Saturday. His previous shortest outing game when he exited after 4 2/3 innings against the Braves on May 10 in Atlanta.

But the Giants' strong right-hander rebounded in fine fashion, limiting the Braves to just three baserunners over the first seven innings. Darren Bragg began the third inning with a single and moved to second on a Horacio Ramirez sacrifice bunt. Bragg was the only Brave to get into scoring position until Vinny Castilla began the eighth with a double.

Ramirez, who is now considered one of the Braves' top young pitching prospects like Schmidt was when he was in the Atlanta organization, turned in a respectable performance but still must live with the fact that he has not won any of the eight starts that have followed his first career-complete game on July 7 against the Mets.

After retiring the first two batters of the second inning, Ramirez walked Benito Santiago, who would come around to score on a Jose Cruz Jr. single to center. Edgardo Alfonzo's fourth-inning, two-run double down the left-field line plated the only other two runs the Braves' young southpaw would surrender over his seven innings.

NFL Pre-Season Week 3 Scores					
DAL 14	Final	CLE 17	Final	CAR 20	Final
PIT 15		DET 38		GB 7	
NE 24	Final	TEN 23	Final	SD 19	Final
PHI 12		CIN 15		HOU 17	
ATL 21	Final	NYJ 15	Final	NO 12	Final
MIA 30		NYG 14		SF 27	
MIN 21	Final	BAL 3	Final	KC 31	2:554th
OAK 6		WAS 24		SEA 35	
CHI 17	Final	JAC 6	Final	IND 0	8:00 Mon
ARI 27		TB 10		DEN 0	
STL 24	Final				
BUF 28					

MLB Weekly Scores

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Dennehy's father plans lawsuit against Baylor

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DALLAS (AP) — The father of a slain Baylor basketball player plans to sue the university, its former coach, regents and others, saying officials conspired to cover up information about his son's death and concealed illegal activities within the athletic department, his attorneys say.

Patrick Dennehy was found dead in a field July 25. He had been shot twice in the

head. Former teammate and roommate Carlton Dotson is charged in his murder.

The lawsuit, which is expected to be filed Friday in Harris County District Court, seeks at least \$50,000 in damages. It also accuses officials of creating an "unsafe atmosphere" in the department, *The Dallas Morning News* reported in its online edition Thursday night, citing a draft of the lawsuit being filed by Patrick Dennehy Sr.

Dennehy told Baylor officials about threats which they ignored and their "acts and omissions" contributed to his death, according to the draft.

Attempts by *The Associated Press* to reach Houston-based attorneys Daniel Cartwright and Richard Laminack were unsuccessful Thursday night.

Baylor spokesman Larry Brumley said the school would not comment until university attorneys reviewed the lawsuit.

Cartwright said "time is of the essence to find out what the truth is, especially with people resigning and departing. It's critical that we get some sworn testimony and start the pursuit of the truth."

Last week secretly taped conversations were released in which former basketball coach Dave Bliss could be

heard trying to get players and assistant coaches to go along with a plot to say Dennehy was a drug dealer.

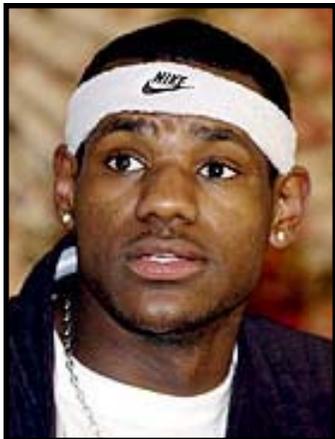
Bliss is a defendant in the planned lawsuit as are the university, the board of regents, school president Robert Sloan Jr., former athletic director Tom Stanton, board chairman Drayton McLane, associate athletic director Paul Bradshaw, assistant coaches Doug Ash and Rodney Belcher and William F. Stevens, a member of a Baylor booster club.

Stevens has been associated with an athletic scandal before when the NCAA officially disassociated him from SMU's athletic activities after he would not cooperate with the investigation of the teams' football program in 1987. At the time Bliss was SMU's basketball coach. That was the year SMU was dealt the death penalty for its football program, the NCAA's harshest punishment.

Cartwright said the lawsuit would be filed in Houston because they wanted a "fair forum" away from the influence of Baylor in Waco.

The school launched an internal inquiry in July into possible NCAA violations, after allegations surfaced of improper payments to players following Dennehy's death. Bliss and Stanton resigned Aug. 8.

The school then placed itself on a two-year probation and won't participate in any postseason tournaments next season, including the Big 12 tournament.



Coke, James Sign Endorsement Deal

By Abigail Goldman
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Coca-Cola Co. said Thursday that it signed a six-year endorsement deal with the NBA's hottest new talent, Cleveland Cavalier LeBron James, one

month after it stopped airing ads featuring Laker star Kobe Bryant.

Terms of the deal weren't disclosed, but advertising professionals said reports that James would earn \$2 million a year, and more if sales of Coke's Powerade sports drinks grew, were probably close to the mark.

The world's No. 1 soft drink company said the James deal was unrelated to Bryant's arrest last month.

Signing a hot young talent could only help Coke, sports marketers said, especially as basketball season resumes and the case against Bryant again takes center stage this

fall. In part, for Coke the deal "is all about hedging their bets," said Paul Swangard, managing director of the University of Oregon's Warsaw Sports Marketing Center.

Bryant is fighting charges that he sexually assaulted a 19-year-old woman. A spokesman for Bryant didn't return calls

Bryant earns an estimated \$20 million a year from deals with **Nike Inc.**, **McDonald's Corp.**, Coca Cola and others. One company, Nutella, which makes a hazelnut-and-chocolate spread, has said it was dropping Bryant. In a statement Thursday, Coke said

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HOT TOPIC

Hometown Rallies for Accused Soldiers

By DAVID B. CARUSO
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PHILADELPHIA — The families of four U.S. Army reservists accused of abusing Iraqi prisoners of war have enlisted politicians, veterans groups and hundreds of friends to help persuade the military to dismiss the charges at a hearing next week.

The four soldiers, all with the 320th Military Police Battalion based in Ashley, Pa., are charged with punching and kicking several Iraqis, breaking one man's nose, while escorting a busload of prisoners to a POW processing center near Umm Qasr in May.

Details of the allegations haven't been released by the Army, and the soldiers said they have been ordered not to discuss the case. But in e-mails and phone calls home the four said they were assaulted by the prisoners and used minimal force to defend themselves.

Friends and relatives of the four said they have gathered thousands of signatures on a petition calling on the Army to exonerate the soldiers. A rally is planned Saturday.

The campaign has also attracted lawmakers. Sen. Arlen Specter, R-Pa., wrote Defense Department officials in late July, praising the reservists for having "fought and sacrificed for our country," and expressing disappointment that the issue hadn't been resolved by a preliminary investigation.

Rep. Don Sherwood, R-Pa., said the soldiers deserved every benefit of the doubt, considering the conditions in Iraq.

"They put their lives on hold, and went to the Gulf to protect us ... and now they are under charges because someone thinks they were a little rough with Iraqi prisoners," Sherwood said. "No one has shown me any convincing evidence that they were out of line."

Military officials have declined to name the reservists, but family members identified them as Staff Sgt. Scott McKenzie, 37, Sgt. Shawna Edmondson, 24, Spc. Tim Canjar, 21, and Master Sgt. Lisa Girman, 35.

The four have all been separated from their units and assigned to duties in Kuwait while they await an Aug. 27 disciplinary hearing that could lead to an acquittal, a simple letter of reprimand, or a recommendation that they be discharged from the service or imprisoned.

Col. Rick Thomas, a spokesman for Combined Forces Land Component Command in Atlanta, said the soldiers have been appointed lawyers and will be able to cross examine witnesses at the hearing.

"It is a very fair process, and it is deliberate," Thomas said. He said the letters from the soldiers' supporters wouldn't affect the hearing's outcome.

Relatives said that after they were charged, the soldiers complained that conditions were chaotic at Camp Bucca, where the assault allegedly took place, and that guards had been harassed and assaulted daily by unruly prisoners.

"Our kids were made scapegoats," said Girman's mother, Carole Graff. "We want them home, and let (the Army) handle the situation themselves."

Amnesty International said some former prisoners of coalition troops have complained that they were treated poorly, held in filthy conditions, restrained in painful positions for long periods, and tortured by being exposed to bright lights and loud music for prolonged periods.

Several of the reservists have experience handling prisoners in their civilian jobs.

Girman has been a Pennsylvania state trooper for 14 years and served at a POW camp during the 1991 Gulf War. McKenzie, who was decorated for his previous service in Bosnia, is a lieutenant in a boot-camp style prison run by the Pennsylvania Department of Corrections. Edmondson is a campus security officer at the University of Scranton, where she also takes classes.

"A bloody nose and a twisted arm, and our kids are facing prison time?" said Edmondson's mother, Linda Edmondson. "In a time of war, it's ridiculous. She could have shot them, if she wanted to hurt someone."

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used in reference towards them it is a low blow on their pride. Some of them not only understand English but they can speak it. Despite all of this, they are overjoyed to have the coalition support them in their goal.

As Sami clears the Kandahar airport terminal, two armed guards from the 10th Mountain Light Infantry Division watch him. It does not bother him that he is being watched while he works. To the two soldiers that watch Sami he is just a Hajji, but to Sami they are his allies, people who are watching out for his well-being. The fear of being punished by the Taliban is a hard emotion to forget for the average Afghani.

With the CJTF around, the people of Kandahar can begin to live free of fear.

When the Taliban were in power there were many restrictions put on the people. Alliamama, a worker from Kandahar reluctantly stated, "The Afghani people lived with many hardships because of the Taliban".

There were many rules and regulations that the people were forced to live by. In Afghanistan the Taliban make the laws and no one stood to tell them otherwise.

"It was against the law to watch movies or play cards and you had to go to the mosque on Fridays for prayer no matter what you were doing," said Alliamama. Friday is considered the day

for prayer for all Muslims.

Freedom of speech meant nothing to the Taliban. It was against the law to talk negatively about the Taliban, even if it was true, stated Sami. It seemed as though there was still some fear in the minds of these people who lived under the archaic rule of the Taliban. Looking over his shoulder to see if anyone was listening in, Sami said, "We could not cut our beards or even do things as simple as listen to music".

"If the Afghans broke any of these rules they would be punished by the Taliban," said Alliamama.

The penalty for playing cards was having their faces painted black, and to be walked around the market place for three or four days. The simple things that Americans take for granted, Afghans of Kandahar were going to jail for.

"If a male was caught with a shaved or trimmed beard then he would be put in jail for three months, and would also be horse whipped," said Alliamama.

The Taliban were running the country in such a harsh manner that all the honest and hard working people left the country.

After years and years of being oppressed, the Afghans were delighted to receive help from the many nations that came together to hold the Taliban accountable for their actions.

"Fortunately, the CJTF came,

because there was no work in Kandahar," said Sami.

"Now that the Taliban have been eradicated, or run off to different countries, by the CJTF we are finally able to work," said Sami.

The women had been forced to hide behind a veil for many years. Now they are not just housewives anymore.

"Our women can go to school and work now," said Sami.

"We are now able to live the way we want, not the way the Taliban wants us to live," said Sami. "The Americans are giving us more opportunities to better our way of life."

Many Afghans have been given jobs here. Some are in the Afghani military, others are civilians that are just trying to get business started, and most just want to help the Coalition. These people perform different tasks that are essential for a smooth operating installation. The jobs that the Afghans have range from trash disposal, landscaping, food preparation, to building and renovations.

"We are glad to work with the Americans. Hopefully Kandahar will be a great place to live if we continue on this path," said Sami.

"When no one in the world cared to help the people of Afghanistan, the CJTF stepped up and fought for our freedom," said Alliamama.

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James, 18, would perform several promotional roles for the Sprite and Powerade brands. One of them, the company said, would be as a spokesman for Sprite's long-standing "Obey Your Thirst" campaign.

"LeBron James has brought more excitement and anticipation to the game of basketball than any player in recent history, and we think he's just getting started," Jeff Dunn, the president of Coca-Cola North America, said in the statement.

The 6-foot-8-inch, baby-faced James, who was the league's top draft pick coming out

of high school in Ohio, also has signed a seven-year, \$90-million endorsement deal with Nike, the richest deal ever for an entry-level player.

The Coke deal is smaller but big enough that it probably was in the works long before Bryant's arrest, marketing experts said.

And it's not unusual for a company to have more than one marquee name on its roster. Nike, for example, signed NBA stars Charles Barkley and David Robinson when it had a contract with Michael Jordan, Swangard said.

"It's like what a good

money manager does with a mutual fund," he said. "The hope is that the more investments you have in your portfolio, the more likely you are to have reasonable returns."

David Carter, a principal of Los Angeles-based consultants Sports Business Group, agreed.

"It may not be a coincidence that they're signing LeBron at this point," Carter said, "but it's not to say that they couldn't have had both of those spokesmen working for them."

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thing that does not belong here," said agent St. Amant.

Agent Northcutt explained that the Afghanis who are permitted to sell in the Bizarre have all undergone a screening accreditation process, and are subject to search procedures before being allowed access within the wire.

Another element of CID, dubbed the Criminal Investigation Task Force (CITF), is responsible for terrorist activity outside the wire. On Kandahar Air Base, Special Agents Barry Hunt and Thomas Cook are responsible for investigating all acts of terror affecting American and Coalition service members, and government property. They process and interrogate Persons Under Control (PUCs) in an effort to identify and bring to justice, those responsible for these acts. Agent Cook says, "... his job is to ensure that people who are terrorists get what they deserve."

When asked about the inherent danger of handling PUCs, agent Hunt said, "You have to remain calm and try to instill calm in the people you are dealing with." He stated that by the time an agent arrives, a PUC has already been through quite an ordeal. In order to get them processed, the agent has to gain control and assure the PUC that if they cooperate it will go well for them. This, of course, offers it's own set of challenges given the language and cultural barriers, but Hunt says they are well trained to do their job.

"With the ongoing war on terrorism, the need for professional law enforcement is at an all time high." Said Cook. Agent Northcutt echoed this sentiment when he said, "CID is in a big recruiting mode right now. We are looking for good, qualified people"

The standard for entrance into the CID field is very high, for good reason. Agent Northcutt said everything about his job hinges on integrity. He stated that CID is a "muddy boots organization" [who's motto is] "do what has to be done."

As the Saturday Bizarre draws to a close and soldiers are ushered back into the safe confines of "the wire", agents Northcutt, Mickle, and St. Amant monitor the exit of Afghani Merchants. Another successful Saturday Bazaar without incident; and that's just the way they like it.

"CID is out there working, trying to make our little part of the world within the US Army, a little safer, and a little more crime free." Northcutt said.

As he, Mickle, and St. Amant wave goodbye to the Merchants and turn to depart the site, an unmistakable look of pride and professionalism radiate from their faces. For them however, this day is far from over-the challenges of war create a heavy workload. But Kandahar Air Base residents will rest a little easier knowing CID is on the job.



CID Agents Joe St. Amant and Tim Northcutt make sure an item is fit for sale.

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MLB Current League Standings

American League

<u>East</u>	<u>Central</u>	<u>West</u>
1. New York	1. Chicago	1. Seattle
2. Boston	2. Kansas City	2. Oakland
3. Toronto	3. Minnesota	3. Anaheim
4. Baltimore	4. Cleveland	4. Texas
5. Tampa Bay	5. Detroit	

National League

<u>East</u>	<u>Central</u>	<u>West</u>
1. Atlanta	1. Houston	1. San Francisco
2. Philadelphia	2. St. Louis	2. Arizona
3. Florida	3. Chicago	3. Los Angeles
4. Montreal	4. Pittsburgh	4. Colorado
5. New York	5. Cincinnati	5. San Diego
	6. Milwaukee	

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